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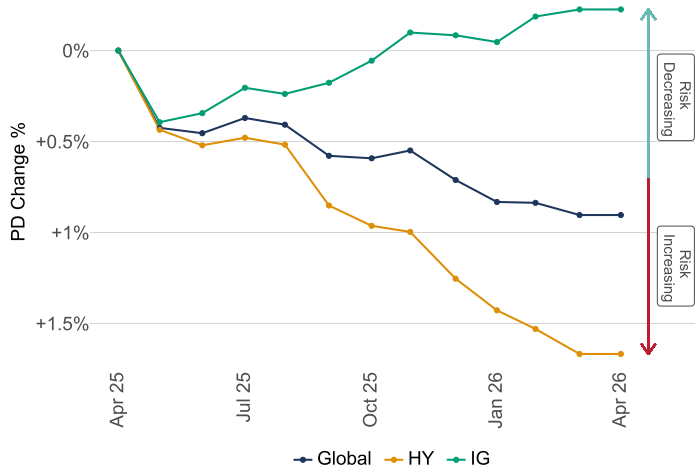
Credit Benchmark's Global Index tracks 25,000+ Credit Consensus Ratings (CCRs). These CCRs can be further divided into the following segments: HY and IG.

This Industry Report explores our Global Index through different analyses which you can find on pages 1 and 2. Please refer to page 3 for a breakdown of the entities which make up the index.

Credit Indices: Trends

HY showed the biggest 6-month change within Global entities. Credit risk rose by 1% over the 6 months leading up to February 2026.

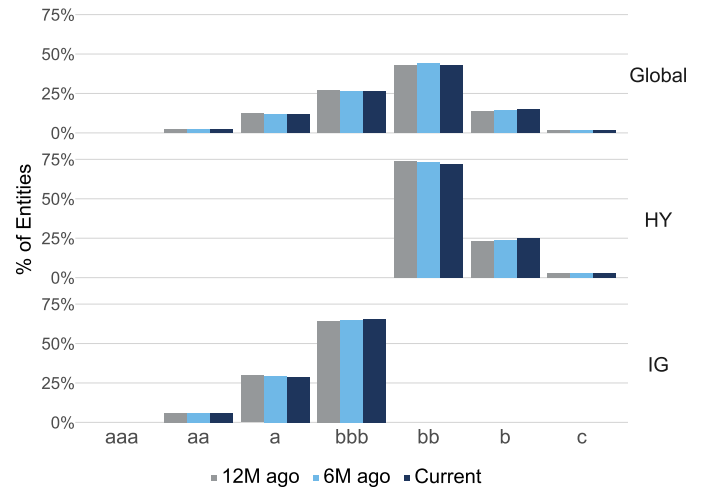
The average credit risk level in IG remained stable over a similar time frame.



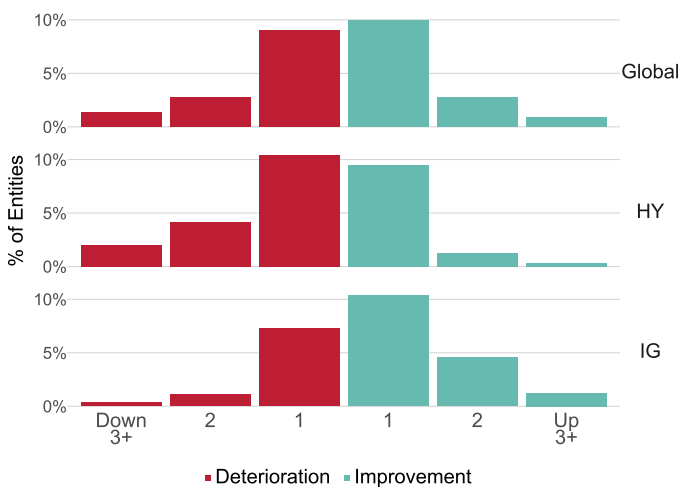
Credit Distribution

A majority of ratings within Global entities lies in the bb credit category. Within HY, 74% of ratings lie in the bb credit category.

On average, within each segment, 53% of ratings are considered non-investment grade.



Notch Movements



Over the last 12 months, 27% of Global entities experienced a change in their ratings. Within this group, 14% of entities underwent an upgrade and 13% got downgraded.

Breaking this down further, 10% of entities experienced a 1-notch upgrade and 9% received a 1-notch downgrade.

Transition Matrix

This credit transition matrix offers valuable information into the movement of entities across 6 rating categories over the last year.

For example, over this period, a number of **bb** entities (6.2%) upgraded to **bbb**.

	aaa/aa	a	bbb	bb	b	c	No. of entities
aaa/aa	89.3%	10.2%	0.5%	0%	0%	0%	392
a	1.9%	91.7%	6.2%	0.2%	0%	0%	2,028
bbb	0%	3.7%	88%	8%	0.2%	0%	4,259
bb	0%	0%	6.2%	87.8%	5.7%	0.2%	6,131
b	0%	0%	0.2%	15.7%	80.5%	3.6%	1,906
c	0%	0%	0%	2%	16.3%	81.8%	203

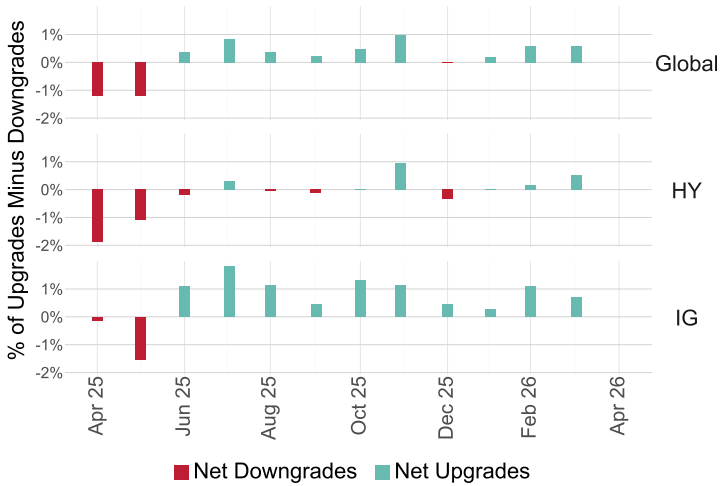
Correlation Matrix

This matrix presents the correlations of month-on-month PD changes between **Global entities** and several subsegments spanning from **April 2025 to April 2026**.

The least **correlated** pair is between **HY** and **IG**, with a value of **0.69**.

	Global	HY	IG
Global		94%	89%
HY	94%		69%
IG	89%	69%	

Credit Indices: Upgrades vs. Downgrades



IG and HY had a big net move in May 2025 and April 2025, with 2% more entities **downgraded** than upgraded.

There were 1% more entities **downgraded** in April 2025 and May 2025 in Global entities.

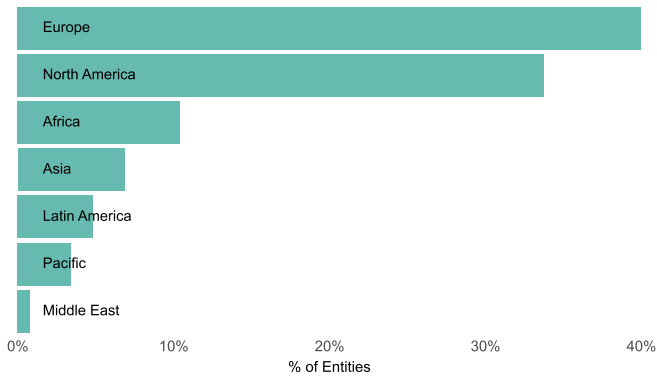
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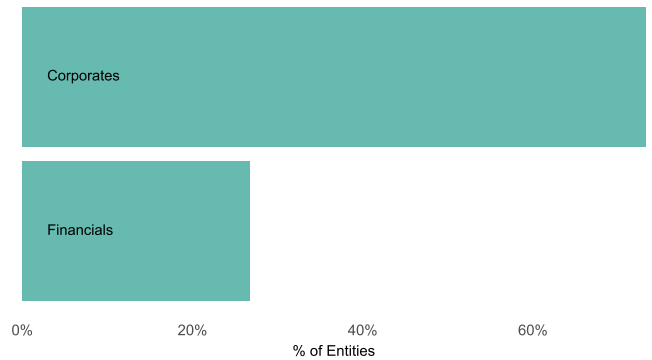
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Credit Benchmark can provide additional types of CCR breakdown and levels of granularity.

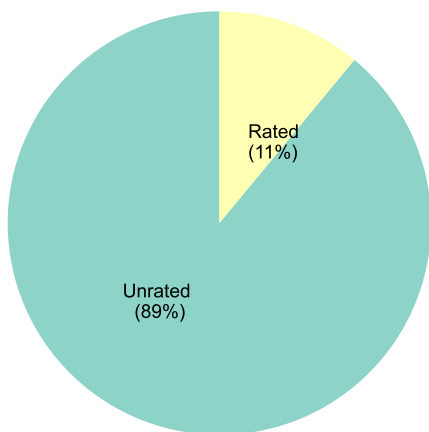
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